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Previous Staff Direction and Status

Tasks	Status	Direction Source(s)
Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Program		
Round 1 IRWM Implementation Grant Agreements	Staff is currently coordinating with the State Department of Water Resources, project proponents for the projects awarded grant funding, and County counsel to develop agreements for the award and administration of the grant. As a requirement of receiving implementation grants, the District will be committing to comply with applicable components of AB 1420 (implementation of water use efficiency best management practices) as a wholesaler. Staff will be bringing these agreements to your Board in Spring 2012 for approval.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IRWM Plan Adopted on 12/6/05 • IRWM Memorandum of Understanding approved (4/21/09) • Authorization to submit IRWM grants and execute grant agreements (6/7/10)
Updating the IRWM Plan	As a requirement for receiving the implementation grant, the District, as lead agency for IRWM Program efforts for our region ¹ , is committing to updating the IRWM Plan to meet current State IRWM Plan standards within two years of executing the grant agreement. The IRWM Plan also needs to be updated to be eligible for future grant opportunities, improve the approach to IRWM planning in the county, to update outdated information and include new projects and programs. Staff will be bringing a contract for consultant services and funding recommendations to your Board for consideration in Spring 2012. Staff will continue to coordinate efforts with the WRAC, local agencies and organizations, and applicable County departments.	
Developing an IRWM Planning Grant	To help fund the cost of updating the IRWM Plan and to fund sub-regional planning efforts in the county that would improve the IRWM Plan, staff, in coordination with the WRAC, is developing a planning grant application that will be considered by your Board on February 28, 2012.	
Preparing for applying for a Round 2 IRWM Implementation Grant	In order to be competitive for an implementation grant opportunity anticipated for Fall 2012, Staff will be developing an approach for updating the IRWM Plan that will ensure the information needed to demonstrate progress to the State is developed by the application due date.	

¹ The IRWM region, which is the San Luis Obispo County boundary, was approved by the State in May 2009.

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Resource Management System		
Groundwater Monitoring Ordinance	Starting in mid-2012, Staff will be coordinating with the Planning and Environmental Health Departments, Water Resources Advisory Committee, and groundwater basin management groups to develop a groundwater monitoring ordinance consist with the monitoring-related recommendations approved in the noted documents.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Resource Management System Summary Report recommendations approved (6/8/10)² Approval of the County being the lead agency to comply with the California Statewide Groundwater Elevation Monitoring Program for groundwater basins in the county (12/14/10)
Conservation outreach and education	Staff is coordinating with the Planning Department, Partners in Water Conservation and groundwater basin management groups to develop outreach and education materials and funding strategies on an ongoing basis.	
Paso Robles Groundwater Basin Management Plan (GMP)	On February 28, 2012, your Board will be considering whether to adopt the GMP, including the formation of a Steering Committee for its implementation and funding implementation efforts.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paso Robles Groundwater Basin Resource Capacity Study recommendations approved (2/1/11)¹
Update Paso Robles Groundwater Basin model	Staff is currently coordinating with a group of stakeholders in the Paso Basin (Steering Committee) to develop a recommendation for the scope of work and priorities for updating the Basin model. The Steering Committee is pursuing a portion of an IRWM planning grant opportunity for this effort, and funding of this effort will also be considered by your Board on February 28, 2012.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Resolution to develop the Paso Robles Basin GMP (3/22/11) Certification of Level of Severity III for the Nipomo Mesa Water Conservation Area (6/26/07)

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http://www.slocounty.ca.gov/planning/General_Plan__Ordinances_and_Elements/Plans_in_Process_and_Draft_Plans/stratgrowth.htm

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Resource Management System (continued)		
Local Groundwater Assistance Grant for Paso Basin	Staff will be coordinating with the Steering Committee to develop a scope of work for inclusion in a Local Groundwater Assistance grant which is anticipated to be due in late spring of 2012.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Resource Management System Summary Report recommendations approved (6/8/10)³ Approval of the County being the lead agency to comply with the California Statewide Groundwater Elevation Monitoring Program for groundwater basins in the county (12/14/10)
Paso Robles Groundwater Basin Salt and Nutrient Management Plan	In accordance with the RCS approved recommendation to continue studies of the Basin, staff is coordinating with agencies overlying the Basin and its surrounding watersheds to develop a Salt and Nutrient Management Plan for the Basin. These agencies, with the City of Paso Robles acting as the lead agency, are pursuing a portion of an IRWM planning grant opportunity for this effort, and a joint funding agreement will be considered by your Board once the City of Paso Robles receives and selects a proposal in spring of 2012.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paso Robles Groundwater Basin Resource Capacity Study recommendations approved (2/1/11)¹
South County Seawater Intrusion Monitoring	Staff will be coordinating with South County agencies on seawater intrusion monitoring components of a request, received December 19, 2011, for the District to fund efforts associated with management of the Santa Maria Valley Groundwater Basin (SMVGB), consistent with Board direction to cooperate with appropriate entities on the scoping and requirements to establish adequate seawater intrusion monitoring locations in the SMVGB and develop an equitable cost sharing proposal and return to the Board for final approval	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Resolution to develop the Paso Robles Basin GMP (3/22/11) Certification of Level of Severity III for the Nipomo Mesa Water Conservation Area (6/26/07)

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State Water Project		
Additional State Water Project Coastal Branch modeling efforts	Staff, in coordination with State Water Subcontractors and the Central Coast Water Authority (CCWA), recently developed a computer model of the coastal branch and assessed its ability to deliver additional State Water, above contracted amounts, under a range of delivery scenarios ⁴ . Staff will be running additional scenarios with the model to better understand the effect on the amount of additional water that can be delivered to Santa Barbara County when taking additional water at the Lopez turn-out.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Authorization for staff to work with elected officials or other representatives from local agencies (including State Water Subcontractors) interested in State Water as a water supply management option, and the Central Coast Water Authority (CCWA), on the optimization of the Coastal Branch of the State Water Project. (9/22/09)
Develop financial information for participating in the State Water Project	Staff is working with the CCWA to develop financial information in order to better inform those interested in State Water as an option for their water supply needs.	
Develop focused discussion on State Water Issues for the Board of Supervisors	In preparation for anticipated Board policy discussions and negotiations with CCWA regarding the use of the excess capacity in the Coastal Branch of the State Water Project, staff will be coordinating with State Water Subcontractors and the WRAC to develop a focused discussion item for your Board regarding county policies, options and other considerations regarding the use of the District’s excess allocation in 2012.	
Lopez Reservoir		
Drought Reliability Programs	During their November 2011 meeting, the Zone 3 Advisory Committee endorsed reserving up to 250 acre-feet per year of storage for a regional drought reliability program. Staff continues to coordinate with the Zone 3 Advisory Committee on the use of the Lopez Reservoir for Drought Reliability Programs. Recent efforts involved coordination with agencies overlying the Santa Maria Valley Groundwater Basin to be prepared to mitigate seawater intrusion and evaluating options for the community of Santa Margarita.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Direction for staff to consider County Service Area 23 – Santa Margarita drought reliability options, and to return with a detailed policy discussion and recommendations (9/22/09)

⁴ The final State Water Coastal Branch Capacity Study report is available under the State Water quicklink at www.slocountywater.org.